

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-140

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE  
CITY MANAGER TO ALLOCATE \$75,000 IN PUBLIC BENEFITS PROGRAM  
FUNDS TO EXTEND THE LODI SOLAR EDUCATION OUTREACH  
PROJECT AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO  
EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE RAHUS INSTITUTE  
TO ASSIST IN ADMINISTERING ELEMENTS OF THIS PROGRAM

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WHEREAS, the state has mandated that beginning January 1, 1998, the City of Lodi is obligated to fund various programs through a Public Benefits Charge (PBC) based on an historical electric revenue requirement; and

WHEREAS, the requirement amounts to approximately \$1 million per year that must be dedicated to qualifying programs such as energy efficiency. A further stipulation is that these efforts must be done on the customer's side of the meter in order to qualify; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lodi's Public Benefits Program is comprised of four segments or customer groups: commercial/industrial, residential, community/non-profit, and municipal; and

WHEREAS, for the past three years, the City of Lodi Electric Utility has maintained a solar education outreach program utilizing Public Benefits funds; and

WHEREAS, for the 2005-06 fiscal year program, Electric Utility staff will again assign The Rahus Institute with the responsibility of coordinating the annual Lodi Solar Schoolhouse Olympics and expand the in-classroom activities component of the Lodi Solar Education Outreach Project; and

WHEREAS, the goal for the upcoming fiscal year is to provide 10 to 15 specialized or tailored projects regarding solar technology to educators and their students at school sites (the utility refers to these specialized projects as teacher mini-grants; teachers may apply for a grant of up to \$1,000 for a specialized solar-related project via this program). These projects may include the construction of solar-powered fountains, solar model race cars and/or boats, field trips to designated renewable energy sites solar farms, and more; and

WHEREAS, The Rahus Institute will assist Electric Utility staff in designated presentations regarding solar, wind, and other emerging technologies at our regularly scheduled Lodi Energy Smart Workshops during the 2005-06 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, Electric Utility staff respectfully recommends approval of this contract and the extension of the *Lodi Solar Education Outreach Project* as a qualifying component of the City of Lodi Public Benefits Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to allocate Public Benefits Program funds in the amount of \$75,000.00 to fund the Lodi Solar Education Outreach Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a contract with The Rahus Institute to assist in administering elements of this program.

Dated: July 6, 2005

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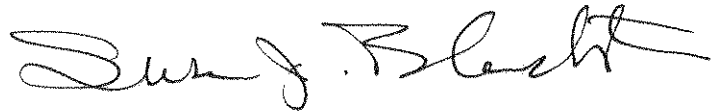
I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2005-140 was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held July 6, 2005, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hansen, Hitchcock, and Mounce

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Johnson and Mayor Beckman

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan J. Blackston", with a stylized flourish at the end.

SUSAN J. BLACKSTON  
City Clerk